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1. OFFICIALS OF STINASU, THE GOS-SPONSORED NATURE FOUNDATION, HAVE EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY THEIR DEEP CONCERN THAT A RECENT CHANGE IN USG REGULATIONS BANNING THE IMPORTATION OF FARMED GREEN TURTLE EGGS, CHELONIA MYDEAS, WILL CAUSE GREAT HARM TO GOS RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS WITH REGARD TO THE GREEN SEA TURTLE POPULATION IN THESE WATERS. ACCORDING TO STINUSA OFFICIALS, THE GOS DEPENDS HEAVILY ON DATA SUPPLIED TO IT BY THE CAYMEN ISLANDS TURTLE FARM IN DEVELOPING TECHNIQUES TO RAISE GREEN SEA TURTLES IN A CONTROLLED SETTING ENABLING A HIGHER PROPORTION OF THE YOUNG TO SURVIVE THROUGH TO THE YEARLING STAGE, WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED INTO THE SEA. SINCE THE START OF THIS PROJECT STINASU HAS, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FINDINGS, BEEN ABLE TO NOT ONLY SHORTEN THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR THE GREEN SEA TURTLE TO REACH SEXUAL MATURITY, BUT ALSO TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SEA TURTLES RETURNING TO SURINAME BEACHES EACH YEAR TO LAY THEIR EGGS.

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2. STINASU OFFICIALS CLAIM THE GOS HAS AN EXCELLENT RECORD ON CONSERVATION OF ALL SPECIES OF SEA TURTLES. TO EMPHASIZE THIS FACT, THEY HAVE SENT CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS TO BOTH MR. TERRY LEITZELL, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND MR. LYNN GREEWALT, DIRECTOR, US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, ON THE NEW USG REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, IN THE SAME TELEGRAM THE SAME

STINASU OFFICIALS EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT THE GOS DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT FORWARD ITS POINT OF VIEW THAT THESE REGULATIONS SHOULD CONTAIN AN EXEMPTION ALLOWING THE IMPORTATION OF FARMED GREEN SEA TURTLE EGGS.

3. PRESENTLY DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITHIN THE GOS AS TO POSSIBLE FURTHER EFFORTS TO MAKE THE SURINAMESE POSITION KNOWN TO THE USG. MEANWHILE STINASU RE-EXTENDS ITS INVITATION TO APPROPRIATE USG PERSONNEL TO VISIT SURINAME TO STUDY THE PROGRESS MADE HERE ON REPLENISHING GREEN SEA TURTLES THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE JOINT PROJECT WITH THE CAYMEN ISLAND TURTLE FARMS LTD.

4. EMBASSY HAS BRIEFED STINASU OFFICIALS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF KINGSTON 7018 AND 7083, AND JOINS EMBASSY KINGSTON IN REQUESTING STATUS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS MATTER. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF NEW USG REGULATIONS.
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